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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	4,302,831	11/24/81	Zemanek	375	111	6/18/80
	4,980,899	12/25/90	Troost	375	108	5/26/89
	5,579,513	11/26/96	Strohmer	395	559	6/7/95
	6,148,049	11/14/00	Hein	375	354	1/26/99

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION
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## OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

Article entitled Simple Network Time Protocol (SNTP) Version 4 for Ipv4, Ipv6 and OSI, from web page  
<http://faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2030.html>

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